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DECISION

On 10 January 2003, a Notification of Defective Response (FORM PCT/DO/EO/916)

was mailed to applicants indicating that the required sequence listing pursuant to 37 CFR 1.821-1.825 was not submitted.

On 23 January 2003, applicants filed a Response to Notification of Defective Response indicating that the specification, claims or drawings did not disclose any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequences and requesting withdrawal of the requirement.

DISCUSSION

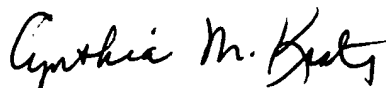
A review of the application file reveals that all of the 35 U.S.C. 371 requirements have been met, upon submission of the executed declaration on 14 August 2002.

The Notice of Defective Response (FORM PCT/DO/EO/916) mailed on 10 January 2003 was erroneously issued and will be vacated.

CONCLUSION

The Notice of Defective Response (FORM PCT/DO/EO/916) mailed on 10 January 2003 is hereby VACATED.

This application is being forwarded to the United States Designated/Elected Office for further processing. The 35 U.S.C. 371 date is **14 August 2002**.



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